



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Mattson et al.
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Examiner

For: **Suction Filter Sanitation Device** Attorney Docket RM449f

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to MPEP Rule 714.01(e), a preliminary amendment will be entered if it is received in the Office on or before the mail date of the first Office action under 37 CFR 1.104.

Applicant made a call to Inventors Assistance to help with this amendment.

Please delete current Title and replace with:

Whirlpool Bathtub with Safety Suction Device having Drainage Feature

Please delete current Abstract and replace with:

A safety suction device that resists body entrapment. The suction device compensates for a sloped tub wall allowing water to flow through the device from a segment of a closed loop plumbing system into a tub. The suction device does not require a removable support that the faceplate attaches to. The faceplate resists hair and body entrapment when water is passing through the faceplate.

Please delete paragraph [0022] and add:

The main aspect of the present invention is to provide in a whirlpool bath a safety suction fixture that compensates for tub wall draft allowing water from at least a segment of a closed loop piping system to flow through the housing into a tub.